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Naval War College (NWC) Monterey students earning academic honors during the third quarter of Academic Year 2017 are pictured following a brief ceremony in their honor near the Naval War College Monterey Program offices in Halligan Hall, Aug. 15.

The graduates who earned “with Highest Distinction” honors by completing the program in the top five percent of their class are Army Majs. Tyler Baker, Jennifer Jantzi, and Philip Swintek; Marine Corps Majs. Michael Conte and Thomas Kulisz.

“The benefit of this course was having time away from the operational environment to explore the theories that military doctrine is founded upon,” said Army Maj. Ian MacGregor. “Also, to examine case studies throughout history to see where they came






from and how they are still relevant today.”

Graduates earning “with Distinction” honors by completing the program in the top 15 percent of their class are Marine Corps Maj. David Burton, Marine Corps Cpts. Carl Beierl, and Robert Sharp; Army Majs. Matthew Engelhardt, Seth Green, Jonathan Kingsley, Ian MacGregor, John Staeheli, Erich Steffens, Nathan Steger, and Joshua White; Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jacqueline-Marie Kasatkin; Navy Lts. Andrew Hanson, Patrick McCarthy, and Bryce Yost.

Through the NPS-NWC partnership, a total of 4,710 officers have earned their Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase I certification since the program’s inception in September 1999.

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